

MOTION TO AMEND BYLAW III
FEBRUARY 16, 2025

WHEREAS: The active membership has charged the BRC with developing a bylaw amendment that adds a 10-minute grace period to the provisions for automatic inactivation.

WHEREAS: The BRC has independently recognized that the current electronic voting procedure, for matters introduced at regular meetings without a quorum present, is not robust enough to ensure that the chapter may conduct its business in a timely manner as is required when entering time-sensitive contracts.

WHEREAS: The BRC is proposing to add provisions for excused absences elsewhere in the bylaws, namely in Bylaw V on membership duties.

WHEREAS: The BRC believes that a standardized approval process is needed to expedite and streamline the reactivation process for members with excused absences who are inactivated due to non-attendance at the opening roll call of regular meetings.

THEREFORE: I move on behalf of the BRC, for Bylaw III Section 3.03 to be amended as follows:

SECTION 3.03. **Quorum.** (a) A quorum must be present at any meeting at which a vote is taken committing the organization to any proposal.

(b) Without a quorum, meetings may be held at which proposals are submitted to the Chapter, matters of interest to the Chapter are discussed, or programs are formulated, but there shall be no formal voting on such matters.

(c) Voting may be completed electronically on matters of interest brought up at a meeting without quorum. ~~No response after three days shall count as voting present.~~ All uncast votes from after 72 hours after voting opens shall be voided.

(d) One-half of the members of the Board shall constitute a quorum at meetings of the Board.

(e)(1) One-half of the active ~~student~~ membership shall constitute a quorum at regular meetings.

(~~f~~2) Three-quarters of the active ~~student~~ membership shall constitute a quorum for purposes of constitutional amendments, bylaw amendments, election of membership, officer elections, changing of initiation fees or chapter dues, imposing assessments on student members, and disciplinary actions.

(~~g~~f)(1) Excluding chapter officers, any member who is absent during the opening roll call of a regular meeting, for which notice has been provided that the matters of constitutional amendments, bylaw amendments, election of membership, officer elections, changing of initiation fees or chapter dues, imposing assessments on student members, or disciplinary actions are to be voted upon shall immediately become inactive.

(2) A member who was inactivated due to an absence during an opening roll call of a regular meeting shall be immediately reactivated if they arrive no more than ten (10) minutes after the scheduled meeting time and only if they notify the Secretary of their name upon their arrival.

(3) Absences from regular meetings shall be excused in accordance with the relevant provisions of the bylaw on membership duties contained herein. A member who was inactivated

47 for an absence during the opening roll call of a regular meeting shall be automatically reactivated
48 following the final roll call of the same meeting if their absence was pre-excused by the
49 Executive Committee or shall otherwise be reactivated upon the Executive Committee's
50 approval of their excused absence request, which shall be considered at the next regular meeting
51 of the Executive Committee.

MOTION TO AMEND BYLAW VI
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WHEREAS: The BRC was charged with developing an excused absence policy for attendance at regular meetings.

WHEREAS: The bylaws do not currently provide any method for excusing absences besides seeking advance approval from the Advisory Board.

WHEREAS: A bylaw amendment is needed to authorize an excused absence policy.

WHEREAS: The grammar in paragraph (c) of Section 5.03 is confusing.

THEREFORE: I move on behalf of the BRC, for Bylaw V Section 5.03 to be amended as follows:

SECTION 5.03. **Attendance.** (a) Active members shall maintain a strong precedent of support and pride among the membership by attending all initiation ceremonies and Chapter banquets where new members are to be recognized.

(b) Active members shall attend regular meetings and actively participate in discussions regarding regular business and other matters of interest.

(c) Active members shall attend no less than one service project per semester. ~~The Chapter~~ service ~~project~~ projects shall be ~~selected~~ approved by the active membership during regular meetings.

(d) Chapter policies shall determine what circumstances constitute an excused absence from a regular meeting and shall also define a standardized procedure by which members shall request excusal of their absences.

~~(e)~~ All other exceptions to the requirements of this section shall be approved in advance by the Board. If a member cannot attend some event(s) due to valid schedule conflicts, and if the Board grants exceptions for said conflicts, then the member shall be granted full credit for attendance at the event(s) in question.

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WHEREAS: According to the *Undergraduate Student Handbook, Department of Civil Engineering*, which became effective in fall of 2024, graduation with a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering only requires one of three available courses for a Math-Science Elective. The available courses are Chemistry II (CHEM 230), Engineering Physics II (PHYS 214), and Calculus III (MATH 222).

WHEREAS: According to the Civil Engineering Flowchart, which became effective in fall of 2024, students typically are enrolled in their chosen Math-Science Elective during the third semester of degree path.

WHEREAS: Our current bylaws do not allow Civil Engineering students to be eligible for Tau Beta Pi membership if they adhere strictly to their course requirements without surpassing the necessary 128 credits for graduation.

WHEREAS: According to the *Undergraduate Student Handbook, Department of Civil Engineering*, which became effective in fall of 2024, students typically are enrolled in Elementary Differential Equations (MATH 340) during the fourth semester of their degree path. This course is required for graduation and is a pre- or corequisite for the possible course elective Dynamics (ME 512).

WHEREAS: Elementary Differential Equations (MATH 340) is also required for graduation in all other engineering departments, except for majors in Computer Science, Cybersecurity, or Industrial Engineering.

THEREFORE: I move on behalf of the BRC, for Bylaw VI Section 6.02 to be amended as follows:

SECTION 6.02. Eligibility Requirements for Juniors. (a) Eligible juniors shall be defined as the upper one-eighth of students considered to be in the junior class in accordance with the credit hour requirements given below.

(1) Minimum of (60) credit hours completed.

(2) Minimum of (55) graded credit hours.

(3) Minimum of (30) credit hours taken at the University.

(4) Minimum of (25) graded credit hours at the University.

(b) Completion of (or current enrollment in) Engineering Physics II and Calculus III for students not majoring in Computer Science or Civil Engineering.

(c) Completion of (or current enrollment in) CIS 308 and CIS 400 for students majoring in Computer Science.

(d) Completion of (or current enrollment in) MATH 340 and either MATH 222, PHYS 214, or CHM 230 for students majoring in Civil Engineering.